

--includes--; and,

line 20 (last line on page), delete "(Fig. 1)".

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 15-17, and amend the following claims:

Claim 5, line 1 (all line numbers are of the individual claim and not the line numbers of left-hand margin), delete "any preceding claim" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and substitute therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 8, lines 1-2, delete "any one of claims 1-7 and" and substitute therefor --claim 1, further comprising--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "or claim 9".

Claim 12, line 1, delete "any one of claims 8-11" and substitute therefor --claim 8--.

REMARKS

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please enter the foregoing amendments.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 1 and 13 are presented in independent form.